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PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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| Applicant       | : | William W. Smith III, et al.   |
| Application No. | : | 09/684,010   |
| Filed           | : | October 6, 2000  |
| Title           | : | Online, Multi-Carrier, Multi-Service Parcel Shipping Management Functional Alignment of Computer Devices |
| Grp./Div.       | : | 3629   |
| Examiner        | : | Webb, Jamisue A.   |
| Docket No.      | : | PSTM0002/MRK   |

**RESPONSE AFTER FINAL**

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Commissioner:

In response to the Office Action, designated a Final rejection, dated October 20, 2006 regarding the above-identified application, please enter the response and remarks, as indicated below. Reconsideration of the application in view of the responsive remarks below is respectfully requested.

The Office Action set a three-month time period in which to respond. It is respectfully submitted that this Response is timely filed because it is filed before the expiration of January 20, 2007, the third month following the October 20, 2006 date of the Office Action and is filed prior to the expiration of the second month, December 20, 2006 following the October 20, 2006 Office Action date.

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**Response and Remarks** begin on page 12 of this paper.